

DRAGON

Background Information



Dragon Dictation is an app that allows the user to dictate and uses voice recognition to translate the spoken word to text that is available instantly for copying, pasting, e-mailing, etc. Network connectivity is required for Dragon to work.

Steps to Begin Using Dragon Dictation:

Step #1: Download the Dragon App for your device:

<http://www.nuancemobilelife.com/apps/dragon-dictation> (see icon above)

Step #2: Open the “Dragon” App. When opening the app for the first time it lets the user know that it will be using a location (YES) and asks to access contacts (NO). ****Make sure the device is on a network/WIFI or the app will not work.**

Step #3: Touch the red “Tap and dictate” button and speak clearly into the iPad’s microphone dictating information that will be converted to text--this could be the text to an e-mail message, a text message, the ideas for a paper being written, etc. Tap the screen once again to stop recording.

Tap the red button and start dictating to your device

Tap and dictate.

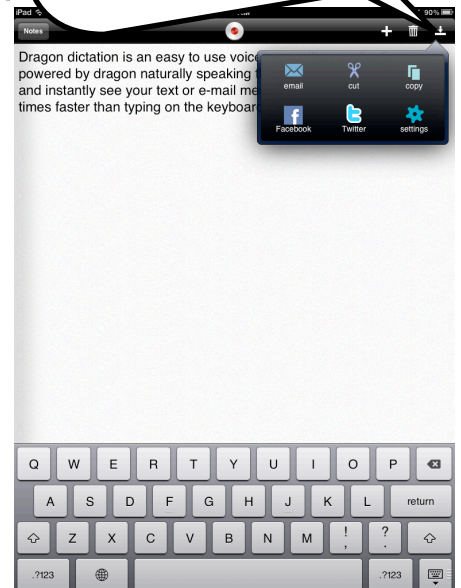
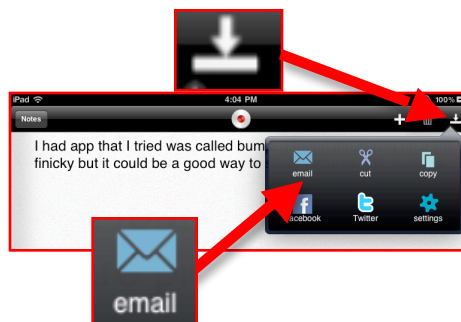
Step #4: The translated text from the dictation will appear on the device’s screen. Tap the “keyboard icon” located at the bottom center of the screen to edit the text using the keyboard.



Step #5: Send/Copy/Paste the text to the desired location. The icon in the top right corner will allow the user to select from the following actions for the dictated text: email it, cut the passage, copy it, or send to Facebook or Twitter.

The send to icon will send or copy the text to the desired location

Best Practice Use: Students who are challenged with typing or handwriting use this app to capture their ideas and dictate their “writings.”



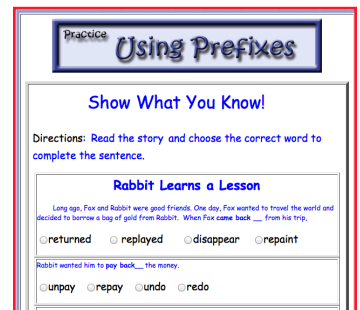
DRAGON LESSON IDEA

Procedure:

Students will use their mobile devices to reflect and summarize their understanding of a lesson or idea.

Students download the Dragon App (available for iPad, iPhone, Android, iPod) or use a device with the app downloaded.

1. **Students will complete an activity using prefixes.** For this example, navigate to the following web site: <http://bit.ly/ben-prefixes> and complete the short activity working on the prefix re- and dis- (target grade is 3rd grade) to learn how adding the prefixes re- and dis- change the meaning of the word.



2. **Students will open Dragon and begin recording by tapping the red button** and saying their name and then sharing the meaning of the two prefixes (re- & dis-) by tapping the red button. It is a good idea to have them give a couple of examples. The app will have trouble with a few words--probably the prefix re- but that is OK, students will fix it in the next step.

Tap the red button to begin dictation

3. **Students will use the keyboard editing feature** in Dragon to edit their recorded text. Tap the keyboard icon at the bottom/center of the screen to begin editing.

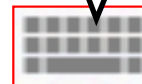
Keyboard icon

Tap and dictate.

4. **Once students are finished editing their text, use the "send to" icon** in the top right corner to e-mail their text to their teacher: pkrambeck@esu3.org (provide email address)



Send to icon



Follow-up: Ramping up or down--this activity could be used with existing reading material or texts to check for understanding or summarizing. The on-line activity was used because everyone had access to the activity on their iPads. (we didn't have texts)

Standards Addressed: LA 3.3.2.d Listen to, summarize and interpret message and purpose of information being communicated